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TO: Utah Wildlife Board

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SUBJECT: 2025-27 BLACK BEAR PERMIT/QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS AND RULE AMMENDMENTS.

2025-26 FURBEARER SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUGAR RULE AMMENDMENTS

2025 will be the first year of the next three year bear management cycle. We are recommending permits and quotas for the various black bear seasons for that time frame. We are recommending the following permit/quota recommendations and season dates.

SPRING BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON				
Unit	Hunt	Resident Permits	Nonresident Permits	2025 Season Dates
Beaver	BR7000	9	1	March 29 - May 26
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7001	49	5	March 29 - May 26
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	BR7224	14	1	March 29 - May 26
Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7012	20	2	March 29 - May 26
Cache/Ogden	BR7017	2	0	March 29 - May 26
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7015	7	0	March 29 - May 26
Fillmore, Pahvant	BR7007	1	0	March 29 - May 26
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	BR7013	7	0	March 29 - May 26
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	BR7018	5	0	March 29 - May 26
La Sal	BR7008	40	3	March 29 - May 26
Manti-North	BR7003	17	2	March 29 - May 26
Manti-South/San Rafael, North	BR7004	18	2	March 29 - May 26
Monroe	BR7020	1	0	March 29 - May 26
Mt Dutton	BR7009	4	0	March 29 - May 26

Nebo	BR7005	7	0	March 29 - May 26
Panguitch Lake/Zion	BR7010	9	0	March 29 - May 26
Paunsaugunt	BR7011	4	0	March 29 - May 26
San Juan	BR7014	35	3	March 29 - May 26
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7016	36	4	March 29 - May 26

SUMMER BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON (No dogs allowed, bait allowed)

Unit	Hunt	Resident Permits	Nonresident Permits	2025 Season Dates
Beaver	BR7100	9	1	May 26 - June 29
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7101	14	1	May 26 - June 29
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	BR7102	5	0	May 26 - June 29
Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7114	13	1	May 26 - June 29
Cache/Ogden	BR7121	4	0	May 26 - June 29
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7117	5	0	May 26 - June 29
Fillmore, Pahvant	BR7124	2	0	May 26 - June 29
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	BR7115	7	0	May 26 - June 29
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	BR7123	6	0	May 26 - June 29
La Sal	BR7108	25	2	May 26 - June 29
Manti-North	BR7104	17	1	May 26 - June 29
Manti-South/San Rafael, North	BR7105	18	2	May 26 - June 29
Monroe	BR7125	1	0	May 26 - June 29
Mt Dutton	BR7109	3	0	May 26 - June 29
Nebo	BR7106	8	0	May 26 - June 29
Nine Mile	BR7110	18	2	May 26 - June 29
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	BR7111	1	0	May 26 - June 29
Panguitch Lake/Zion	BR7112	5	0	May 26 - June 29
Paunsaugunt	BR7113	3	0	May 26 - June 29
San Juan	BR7116	22	2	May 26 - June 29
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	BR7119	5	0	May 26 - June 29
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7120	22	1	May 26 - June 29
Yellowstone	BR7118	5	0	May 26 - June 29

FALL BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON

Unit	Hunt	Resident Permits	Nonresident Permits	2025 Season Dates	Comments
Beaver	BR7200	9	1	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7201	18	2	Aug. 2 - Aug. 15 & Oct. 3 - Nov. 16	No Bait
Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7215	9	1	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Cache/Ogden	BR7228	1	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7218	7	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Fillmore, Pahvant	BR7207	1	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	BR7216	5	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	BR7229	4	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
La Sal	BR7208	6	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Manti-North	BR7203	10	1	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Manti-South/San Rafael, North	BR7204	18	2	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Monroe	new hunt	1	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Mt Dutton	BR7210	3	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Nebo	BR7205	5	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Nine Mile	BR7211	26	3	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	BR7212	2	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Panguitch Lake/Zion	BR7213	9	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Paunsaugunt	BR7214	4	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
San Juan	BR7217	6	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	BR7220	9	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7221	18	2	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Yellowstone	BR7219	4	0	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait

BLACK BEAR HARVEST OBJECTIVE

Unit	Harvest Objectives	2025 Season Dates	
Beaver	5	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	20	Aug. 16-Oct. 2	No Bait/No Dogs
Boulder/Kaiparowits	22	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Cache/Ogden	10	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	20	March 29 - May 26	No Bait
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	20	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 & Nov 3 - Nov. 9	No Bait
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	20	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	9	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Fillmore, Pahvant	1	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
La Sal	12	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Manti-North	15	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Manti-South/San Rafael, North	25	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Mt Dutton	2	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Nebo	10	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Nine Mile	25	March 29 - May 26	No Bait
Nine Mile	10	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	5	March 29 - May 26	No Bait
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	3	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Panguitch Lake/Zion	3	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
San Juan	12	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	15	March 29 - May 26	No Bait
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	10	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	20	July 5 - 31 & Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs
Yellowstone	10	March 29 - May 26	No Bait
Yellowstone	10	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26	No Bait/No Dogs

BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SPOT AND STALK SEASON				
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	BR7225	5	0	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9

MULTI-SEASON BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON (Public draw)

Unit	Hunt	Resident Permits	Nonresident Permits	2025 Season Dates
Beaver	BR7318	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7300	9	1	All limited-entry seasons
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	BR7301	5	0	All limited-entry seasons
Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7310	10	1	All limited-entry seasons
Cache/Ogden	BR7320	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	new hunt	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7313	5	0	All limited-entry seasons
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	BR7311	3	0	All limited-entry seasons
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	BR7321	5	0	All limited-entry seasons
La Sal	BR7307	13	1	All limited-entry seasons
Manti-North	BR7303	13	1	All limited-entry seasons
Manti-South/San Rafael, North	BR7304	18	2	All limited-entry seasons
Mt Dutton	BR7322	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
Nebo	BR7305	5	0	All limited-entry seasons
Nine Mile	BR7317	9	1	All limited-entry seasons
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	BR7308	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
Panguitch Lake/Zion	BR7309	4	0	All limited-entry seasons
Paunsaugunt	BR7323	1	0	All limited-entry seasons
San Juan	BR7312	11	1	All limited-entry seasons
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	BR7315	3	0	All limited-entry seasons
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7316	14	1	All limited-entry seasons
Yellowstone	BR7314	3	0	All limited-entry seasons

BLACK BEAR PURSUIT SEASONS

Spring pursuit season: March 29 - May 26, 2025

General summer pursuit season: July 5 - August 3, 2025

Fall pursuit season: November 3 - 9, 2025

RESTRICTED BLACK BEAR SUMMER PURSUIT SEASON

Unit	Hunt	Resident Permits	Non-Res Permits	2025 Season Dates
Book Cliffs (early)	BR1008	26	2	July 5 - 16
Book Cliffs (late)	BR1011	26	2	July 19 - July 31
La Sal (early)	BR1009	14	1	July 5 - 16
La Sal (late)	BR1012	14	1	July 19 - July 31
San Juan (early)	BR1010	14	1	July 5 - 16
San Juan (late)	BR1013	14	1	July 19 - July 31
Book Cliffs (spring)	BR1015	See Below	2	March 29 - May 26
San Juan (spring)	BR1016	See Below	2	March 29 - May 26

La Sal (spring)	BR1017	See Below	2	March 29 - May 26
Spring pursuit season not restricted for Utah residents				

We are also recommending the following changes to black bear rule (R657-33):

1. Allow the use of a metal container to hold bait during seasons where bait is legal.
 - a. Maximum size of the container can not exceed 55 gallons
 - b. May not be used in areas designated wilderness by federal land management agencies
 - c. Must be removed within 72 hours of harvest or the end of the season.
2. Allow people that draw a multi-season bear permit to hunt any open harvest objective seasons on the unit they draw in addition to the limited entry seasons.

Recommendations for 2025-26 Furbearer include the following seasons:

- Bobcat
 - Six permits for individual
 - November 15, 2025 – March 1, 2026
 - No permit cap
- Beaver and Mink
 - September 15, 2025 – April 1, 2026
- Marten, Badger, Gray Fox, Kit Fox, Ringtail, Spotted Skunk and Weasel
 - September 15, 2025 – March 1, 2026
- Close the following areas to protect habitat restoration projects using beaver transplants
 - Threemile Creek (Garfield County)
 - Little Creek (Iron County)
 - Reservoir Canyon (Washington County)
- Open the following areas to trapping of beaver
 - Pine Creek (Beaver County)
 - Hunt Creek (Garfield County)

We are also recommending the following changes to cougar rule (R657-10)

1. Allow the sale of green cougar pelts
 - a. Currently a person may sell a cougar pelt but it must be tanned first. We don't feel like that needs to be a prerequisite any longer.
2. Allow the use of rimfire cartridges and ammunition to take cougars caught in traps.
 - a. trappers often carry these firearms when checking traps and this would allow them to use them to take cougars as well. Because cougars will be constrained by the trapping device, we feel a safe and humane kill can be achieved with these firearms and ammunition. This change will not allow the use of these firearms and ammunition to take cougars that are not constrained in traps.